

German Court does not take advice from foreigner.

In answer to further questions Mr. Taylor said that these words would certainly not be noticeable in the British Court.

The President said the German law was different and it was that which he had to administer. They were, however, grateful to Mr. Taylor for his explanation of the word complained of. The Board then retired to consider the decision, which was in effect—

(1) The charge of assault dismissed with costs.

(2) The charge of using abusive language: defendant fined Ten Shillings with costs—*Bangkok Times.*

THE NATIVE STATES FEDERATED.

On July 27th we announced that the negotiations for the federation of the Native States of Malaya were almost completed. To-day, 24th August, the Government Gazette shows that the federation is now an accomplished fact. Instead of being independent units of an intricately woven whole, the states of Perak, Selangor, F.M.S., and Negri Sembilan will in future have a practically common purse, common interests, and a common future of good or evil days. It is a highly important announcement. A few pages in the history of the Malay States and the story of the reason why it came to be written the record of a useful and progressive period. Under the agreement, which has been arrived at, the federated Native States will be under the protection of the British Government, and they will be administered under the advice of the British Government. A Resident General, directly responsible to the Governor of the Straits Settlements, will be appointed, and, as we have already said, there is little doubt that Mr. F. A. S. Swettenham will be selected for the post. Under him will be the Resident in the different portions of the Federated Native States, and under his immediate supervision the machinery of the government will be worked as one harmonious whole. The several States agree to assist each other in the matter of men and money and other things working co-operatively together for their joint and mutual benefit. The revenue, amounting to about seven and a half millions of dollars, will be applied for the defence of the entire country, and the impositions will be levied in the advantage of their alliance with the British Empire, and in their view the latter will also benefit. The contented and happy people will become a dividend bearing security, and of course, nothing in the arrangement made curtails the personal powers of the present rulers, who, with their States prospering under a beneficent administration, are not likely to give any political trouble. Malaya, reconstituted, has before it a great future.—*Straits Times.*

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC ROUTE.

The line of steamers running between Tacoma, Japan, and Hongkong, and operated by the Northern Pacific Steamship Company, has greatly added to the commerce of the port of Tacoma, states the British Vice-Consul there in his report for 1894. The steamer *Pacific*, Tacoma, and *Shikoku* during the past year performed a monthly service between this port and the Orient, and the indications point to one or more additional steamers being placed upon the line in the early part of the coming year 1895.

The prompt service of this line in the delivery of goods has made it popular with shippers and receivers of freight, which has resulted in an increase of business. The line of steamers has been of the character as those of previous years, being mainly tea, silk, sugar, rice, and other goods, the bulk of which is destined for Eastern cities. The contented and happy people, however, have changed somewhat from those reported for 1893, in that during the past year, besides a large amount of goods having gone to Hongkong, this trade with Japan has largely increased, and coming probably from the ports of Japan and China, large quantities of tin, iron, and other goods have been carried to Yokohama and Kobe. There have also been taken to Japan by these steamers other commodities of raw cotton, lumber, oil, and other goods, and in addition, besides which there have been several shipments of wheat, and it is most likely that the export of this cereal will amount to considerable proportions in the future, as the Japanese wheat is so much inferior to that grown in the Pacific Northwest, and it will be used by them in mixing for the manufacture of goods making bread and biscuits. Owing to the regular and efficient mail service performed by the Northern Pacific Steamship Company, the postal authorities have complimented the corporation, and have said it being the best of its kind in the world, this port arrangement has been made to add another steamship in January, making four in all. With this addition it is expected that mail will be despatched to Japan every eight days. This steamship company is the ocean carrier for the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, working in conjunction with it, Tacoma being the terminal point. Merchandise is at once transhipped from the steamships into the trains, which are immediately despatched to their destination. As the business has increased so rapidly during the last year, it is reasonable to believe that this railway and steamship line must have received a large proportion of trade, which it justly deserves, as being the first railway in this State and the opening up and development of the country has in a great measure been due to its efforts.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

10th to 16th September.											
HIGH WATER.						LOW WATER.					
Day	Time	Height	Day	Time	Height	Day	Time	Height	Day	Time	Height
Tues.	10	2 5	Wed.	11	2 7	Thurs.	12	2 5	Fri.	13	2 5
		11 55			4 9			5 24			1 58
Wed.	11	1 5	Thurs.	12	1 11	Fri.	13	1 5	Sat.	14	1 5
Thurs.	12	1 5	Fri.	13	4 10	Sat.	14	5 52	Sun.	15	5 3
Fri.	13	1 45	Sat.	14	4 11	Sun.	15	11 18	Mon.	16	5 1
Sat.	14	No indicator	Sun.	15	high	Mon.	16	low	Tues.	17	1 58
Sun.	15	No indicator	Mon.	16	high	Tues.	17	low	Wed.	18	1 58
Mon.	16	4 50	Tues.	17	5 2	Wed.	18	4 10	Thurs.	19	5 10
Tues.	17	5 5	Wed.	18	5 2	Thurs.	19	4 10	Fri.	20	5 4
Wed.	18	5 5	Thurs.	19	5 5	Fri.	20	4 24	Sat.	21	5 4

The height of mean low water has been determined from the observations at the Kowloon Tidal Observatory, and the low-water level is indicated by a line across the page. The height of mean high water is indicated by a line across the page. The height of mean low water is indicated by a line across the page.

THE WEATHER.

CHINA SEPT. METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.	Rain.
Wanchow.	29.19	68	81	SW	3	o	
Tokio	29.65	55	79	SW	3	o	
Nankow.	29.65	79	49	SW	3	o	
Shanghai.	29.74	77	47	SW	3	c	
Sharp Peak	29.94	78	54	SW	3	c	
Amoy	29.87	83	78	SW	3	c	
Sollado	29.83	86	78	SW	3	c	
Canton	29.90	87	38	N	2	h	
Hongkong	29.39	81	50	SW	3	c	
Yokohama				SW	3	c	
Gap Rock	29.83			SW	4	c	
Macao	29.89			SW	4	c	
Hulphong	29.98			SW	5	c	
Sollado	29.78			SW	3	c	
Manila	29.70			SW	3	c	
Cape S. James				SW	3	c	
9th SEPTEMBER. 10 A. M.							
Wanchow	29.72	67	77	SW	3	o	
Tokio	29.66	56	77	SW	3	o	
Nankow	29.64	74	52	SW	3	c	
Shanghai	29.71	71	64	SW	3	c	
Sollado	29.64	78	78	SW	3	c	
Sharp Peak	29.87	79	64	N	4	c	
Amoy	29.81	80	78	SW	4	c	
Swatow	29.90	80	78	SW	4	c	
Canton	29.09	83	87	SW	4	c	
Hongkong	29.38	80	87	SW	4	c	
Yokohama				SW	4	c	
Vietnam Peak	29.94			SW	4	c	
Gap Rock	29.95			SW	4	c	
Macao	29.98			SW	4	c	
Sollado	29.79			SW	4	c	
Hollano	29.81			SW	4	c	
Manila				SW	4	c	
Cape S. James				SW	4	c	
On the 8th at 10.45 a.m. The typhoon moved into the Sea of Japan. Forecast for the 9th: fresh N.W. wind; fine. N.W. winds: fine. On the 9th at 10.45 a.m. Forecast for the 10th: fresh N.W. winds: fair. Barometer steady: fresh N.W. winds: fair.							

